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W. Thoms  
on N. N. 185

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1901

The House of Education,  
Ambleside.

Miss Mason &  
W. Thoms  
on N. N. 185

Shirley  
M. Thoms  
like to write to you  
with your husband

Dear Sir

Miss Mason is very  
glad for you to have any  
information about the  
Native Dances that we  
can give.

~~The desire~~ Me to say in  
answer to your questions, -  
for 20 years

1. The students enter at 18,  
not younger. From that  
we have them up to about  
35. The books sent - keep on



to be those of rather older students (average age about 27) but it is only just happened so we get quite as good work from younger students.

2. Of the 3 books sent. Miss Lees had studied painting before she came to us but neither Miss Perriest or Miss Drury had ever painted before. The first day they were supposed to have done from nature. These three students had

The note  
she sent  
the very  
first day  
helping  
the girls  
to do it  
in 1 hr.

here January 1901. When the books sent. Each student fills about 4 books which in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year they show her & one is sent up for examination. The three sent to you students in question choose to send in other works than those you have.

3. Half-an-hour a week is the actual time - <sup>plus</sup> <sup>only</sup> time given for the making of the notes & the illustration. ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> most students I think give a few minutes a day to



entering notes that they  
 have seen in that day's  
 walk perhaps painting  
 some objects (The illustration  
 once a student gets into the  
 way of it can done in a  
 surprising short time).

\* The students use what  
 paints & brushes they like.  
 but <sup>think the colors are white</sup>

Two hours a week are  
 from <sup>short hour</sup> last studies <sup>in water</sup>  
 color & charcoal (on artistic &  
 don't the advice from a  
 quite different series, we don't consider  
~~paints & brushes here~~  
 Matt. M. work part but.

For these a medium sized  
 reasonable brush (about #4)  
 + to 1° tubes of color an

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~~used no doubt the same  
do for the National note books.~~

4.

~~The Course lasts 2 yr. here -~~

~~during the 1st year~~

~~two  
hours a week Botany~~

~~" " " " Natural History~~

~~During the Second year~~

1 hr. Shul  
4 hr. Lect  
2 hr. Rev of  
Nat. Hist.  
Science

~~4 terms Botany 2 hr~~

~~3 terms Biology 1 hr a week~~

~~6 terms Nat. 1 hr a week~~

~~8 terms 1 hr a week for Botany~~

~~1 hr 1 hr a week Astronomy.~~

~~Four days a week a~~

~~Natural Walk is taken by the  
National Low Mission <sup>daily</sup> ~~every day~~~~

supplies

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F.e.

they find material for their  
nature notes & illustrations.

The Nature deni Mission also  
takes 4 phidants for days

under  
with  
A week for the walk &  
find when the flowers grow.

Shady Me too in rain steps -

Follow birds - hunt for bog  
plants etc etc just for the

occasion (with a visitor)

Nice walk as when also as well  
as the walks.

Project in the

The Practising School then

also Rep Mr. D.

The youngest children (6 yrs.)

partly quite & notable

first trip of flowers & in the  
highest class at the time Rep  
quite good & clear.



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used. No doubt the same do  
in the Nat. Note Book.

4 During the two yr. here, ~~the~~  
The ~~Naturalist~~

Students have the following  
lectures

Botany 4 lectures 1 hr per week  
one Gen. Min.

" " { 1 hr per week  
" - study  
Botany for U. of P. Exam.

Biology 3 lect. 1 hr a week

Natural History 6 lectures 1 hr a week  
1 1/2 hr. for Report

Geology 1 hr  
The <sup>actual</sup> ~~report~~ chief part of the  
Material for study is done out-  
of doors. The students have  
each day ~~2 hrs~~ 1 1/2 - 2 hrs for  
walking on these walks



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Leftas has set up a  
school of her own. We

Miss her as a Naturalist  
For course her knowledge  
of Nature goes with her  
& the present students "Know  
not Joseph" but I think  
the Nature work & the  
Nature Brain, my original  
idea in founding the  
College, keep it up to  
the old level.

Miss Barnett our present  
mistress is very good.



il plop mella  
a naturalist, will put up  
with very little of his holes.

I am delighted to  
know of all the good work  
you are doing in the cause  
of Nature Teaching.

With kindest regards to  
you & Mr. Thornley - very  
truly Yrs.

Chas. Mason

We have a nice certificate  
for the students which I shall  
send for your signature later.  
Miss Hopkinson

FROM THE REV. A. THORNLEY, M.A., F.L.S., F.E.S.

Consulting Entomologist and Lecturer on Entomology and Botany to the Midland Agricultural and Dairy Institute, Kingston, Derby.

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SOUTH LEVINGTON VICARAGE,  
LINCOLN.

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February 27, 1903

Dear Miss Mason.

Yes! I am the man that  
delivered the lecture for the P.W.U. at  
Derby. lately: and I would gladly deliver  
a hundred lectures, if I thought they would  
all bring such a kind & interesting letter  
from you. I have steadfastly purposed for  
some years back to come and look you  
up at Amherstide; but work of a very exacting  
nature seems to have come to me - and I have  
very little leisure. I have had no holiday  
for two years - as I spend some in August -  
in teaching National School Teachers - Nature  
Lect. I have a class of about 30 - in two  
hls - and I take each hr for 3 mss - lecturing  
them in the morning; and walking them  
out in the afternoon. Just now, I have  
a Botany Lecture - a Botany Lecture - and an  
Entomology lecture every week - and this will  
continue until the end of May.



And now I should like to take up the work  
you kindly offer me - if I have time: and I  
think I should like to try. I have a month  
or thereabouts - unless any lecture is:- and possibly  
I could get through it in that time.  
Moreover, if particularly busy I could get some  
assistance from my 'chum', Prof. J. W. Carr. of  
the Nottingham University College. I must now  
tell you how pleased I am with the Nature  
Note Book you kindly sent. It shows great  
powers of observation, and agrees much for the  
future of the student. The book work is  
most excellent: and the notes are frequently  
very pithy. ~~and~~ As to fees, I never think  
about that. I want you to kindly lend me the  
Note Book over this week, as I should like  
to show it to my Biology Class on Sat. They  
are school teachers; and I am trying to get  
some Nature Teaching established in all the  
<sup>elementary</sup> schools of this County & Leicestershire. We are  
all pretty well. Miss Mackie lives chiefly at  
Bournemouth now: and Barbara is in Dresden  
finishing her musical education. I should  
be glad, if I might be allowed, to see some of the  
late Mr. Geldais' criticisms &c. - is his method  
of drawing up and tabulating results, so as to have  
some kind of continuity in the 'form' of the report.  
Mrs. Thornley joins me in kindest regards.  
Believe me, Very Faithfully Yours,  
Alfred Thornley

SOUTH LEVERTON VICARAGE,  
LINCOLN.June 11<sup>th</sup> 1903

Dear Miss Mason.

I am so pleased  
that my views ~~fall~~  
meet with your appreciation  
and please, do just  
what you like with  
my report. Next year,  
when I have more time  
I will go into much more  
detail, probably giving  
each student a little  
paper of brief notes on  
her work: but this time



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There was scarcely  
opportunity.

I know of a very fair  
naturalist who has not  
a thing occasionally as  
a little spare time, who  
is in regular practice  
naming occasional specimens  
and who would scarcely  
feel the work of  
determining a few extra  
ones. His name is the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> A. Thorneley.

Dear Miss Mason, I  
shall be only too glad

to help ~~to help~~ <sup>in this work</sup> as I  
am nearly always at it  
~~that kind of work~~; it  
really cannot make  
much difference to work  
over a few more.

And now you have sent  
me 100 high fees. I  
agreed to have 2 guineas  
and not £5 - and I  
am sure I don't  
deserve so much. I  
think next time I  
look over the books you  
must not give me  
any fees. However.

I hope the students will  
send me plenty of  
specimens to determine.  
I can determine - plants -  
- animals - insects - shells  
- mosses - & large fungi -  
but small ones. I can  
rarely get determined by  
authorities. I will send  
off the books on Friday  
and they should arrive  
on Saturday. I enclose  
receipt for the £8.

Believe me

Yours Very Sincerely

Alfred Stanley



undelivered please return to

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AMBLESIDE,  
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W. Thonley

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Mr. Thonley explains what the  
students do with N. V. Is. says here to  
be the Examiners.

1901

First Report from W. Thonley 1903

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